that they are part time NCC officers, & are basically employees of private/Govt. educational instituions. These officers during the stint of thier NCC service are commissioned/discahrged/ recommissioned 2/3 times, due to their transfer/Posting/re-remployment etc., with other institutions.

In view of the above it has not been found practicable and feasiable to issue scrolls to the part time ANO's. In this situation no further action seems to be required.

National Seminar on Eye Donation

2299. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Seminar on Eye Donation was held in the Capital on 2nd July, 1995;

(b) who had organised this Seminar and what were the recommendations made; and

(c) what follow up action Government propose to take for the implementation of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A National Seminar on Eye Donation was organised on 2nd July, 1995 by a Voluntary Society named Mahavir Internation. It made the following suggestions:—

(1) To launch a media campaign which should be on par with the of AIDS prevention and drug de-addition.

(2) Bill boards regarding eye donation and eye pledging should be put up at hospitals and at mortunary gates. NGOs should be involve and encouraged to put up these boards.

(3) Blood relatives of the actual eye donors should be given preferential treatment in eye hospitals or for grafting of corner on showing their eye donor card.

(4) A chapter on eye donation should be included in the curriculums of schools and organise talks, audio-visual shows on the subject in colleges.

(c) Activities under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) also include, among other things, component on Information, Education and communication (IEC) and development of infrastructure for eye Banks. Under NPCB, one time non-recurring assistance of Rs. 1.50 lakhs and an annual recurring assistance of Rs. 0.50 lakh is given for the development o/ maintenance of Eye Banks in voluntar/ sector. Besides a National Fortnight fom 25th August to 8th September is beig observed every year since 1986, with a view to motivate people for Jye Donation. Five new Eye Banks are proposed to be set up under the Programme during the current finacial year.

Medical Equipments Worth Crores of Rupees lying Idle

2300. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Rs. 160 crores with medical equipment lying idle" appearing in the "Sunday Times" dated th 30th April, 1995;

(b) is so, the reaction of Governmentthereto; and

(c) the steps taken / Government tomake these equipmer operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEAPRTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.